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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Daniele Venturini

Application No. 09/937,941

Art Unit: 3732

Filed: January 25, 2002

Examiner: Philogene, Pedro

For: **BONE SCREW FOR USE IN
ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2002, please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 4 with:

Accordingly, the core diameter of the threaded portion (i.e. the diameter at the base of the thread) will be 4.5mm at the shank and 2.5mm at the tip. Hence, in this case the ratio between the outside diameter of the threaded portion and the core diameter ranges from 1.43mm at the shank (6mm/4.5mm) (4.0mm/2.5mm) and 1.6 at the tip (4mm/2.5mm).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

Rewrite claims 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 as follows:

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION (along with any documents referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Date: March 19, 2003

